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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.111**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 13, 2010, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.